



Wisconsin Indian Education Association ~ N5448 Broder Road ~ Shawano ~ WI 54166

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 20, 2020
Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 9:07 a.m. by Brian Jackson

Welcome: Brian took care of the prayer this morning, with some sage.

Roll Call:

Region	Board Member: Term Expires 2020	Board Member: Term Expires 2021
Northwest	✓ Brian Jackson, President	<input type="checkbox"/> Katrina Werchouski
Southeast	✓ Rebecca Comfort, Vice President	✓ Celeste Clark
Central	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jolene Bowman
Northeast	✓ Doreen Wawronowicz	✓ Susan Crazy Thunder
West	✓ Brittany LeMere	<input type="checkbox"/>
South	✓ Rachel Byington	<input type="checkbox"/> Verna Comfort
East	✓ Virginia Nuske, Treasurer	✓ Shannon Chapman, Secretary

Region	Alternate Board Members: Term Expires 2020
Northwest	<input type="checkbox"/> William White <input type="checkbox"/> Cassie Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Anna DeMers
Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Drake <input type="checkbox"/> Audra Williams <input type="checkbox"/> James Flores
Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Munson <input type="checkbox"/> Roberta Moede-Carrington <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Nicole Bowman <input type="checkbox"/> Lucille Burr <input type="checkbox"/> Iris Carufel
Northeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Takamine <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Keeble
West	<input type="checkbox"/> Karie Decorah <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Shegonee
South	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Fish
East	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Schultz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lepscier
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	
Liaisons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David O'Connor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eva Kubinski



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Roll Call continued:

Excused: Katrina, Verna, Jolene

Guests:

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda for 11/20/2020 made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 10/16/2020, with corrections, made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Celeste Clark

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

President's Report

- 1) Met with GLITC CEO (Braynbridge). Efforts with Act 31, requesting tribal flags for Lac du Flambeau school. It created a reminder of WIEA going back to 1985. Overall conversation about strategic plan; WIEA used to have a standing report with GLITC, that changed over time. Grantwriter Sharon Riley met with Brian this week, discussing WIEA's vision, possible full-time person that would report to the WIEA board. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Mr. Braynbridge has an idea where all public schools in Wisconsin have the tribal flags hanging in their buildings. This would increase the Act 31 presence in districts.
 - a) Costs: LDF school would purchase the flags; they have 5 so far. Flags are about \$90/each.
 - b) Virginia suggestion about a ceremony where each tribe presents the flag to the school.
 - c) Rachel - West High School has a Ho-Chunk flag. The only school out of 4 that has one. It was presented to them by a Ho-Chunk tribal member.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Rebecca Comfort

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report, as presented by Virginia Nuske

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, with correction, made by: Rebecca Comfort

2nd: Celeste Clark

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail



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Abstentions: Virginia Nuske

2021 Conference Update

No Action - Discussion only

1. David: Gathered conference templates with schedules; taking into consideration Awards Night; a socially distanced powwow; breakout sessions; take into consideration practice runs before the conference itself. David expressed to Brittany that he would be more than happy to be a part of the planning group.
2. Conference registration: Will we charge a fee for participation? Yes, we need to have a fee for the WIEA membership at minimum, with a smaller fee attached (\$30 membership, \$20 WIEA costs + \$25 WEIA scholarship costs = \$75). Brian had this discussion with a superintendent - the superintendent thought that \$75 was fair. Potentially smaller fee for students. Typically in our registration package we have tiered rates for elders, students, and the regular conference registration fee. Discussed having daily rates, but having separate login information for each day will be a huge, complex task.
3. Dates - April and May are open on the DPI calendar. Avoid early April and Easter, however. Look a mid-April.
4. Do we want to have a preconference? Possibly have smaller events leading up to the conference in the months or so leading up to the actual conference.

Motion to set regular 2021 conference registration at \$75, with reduced registration rate of \$30 for students and elders made by: Doreen Wawronowicz

2nd: Celeste Clark

Discussion:

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions:**

Board Conference Committees: Brian will get an email out to see which regions will take on which subcommittee work for the conference. Eva recommends that one of the committees be Zoom meeting coordination.

Nicolet Technical College Lumina Project - Brandon Thoms & Susan Crazy Thunder

No Action - Discussion Only

Project is called "Many Ways of Knowing: American Indian Cultural Competencies for Community College and Career Pathways." Within the project themselves, they call themselves The Nation - and The Nation is comprised of the four clans.

1. The team is now focused on the assessment portion of the project.
 - a. The assessment model will assist with helping people with cultural, work experience to get college credit for their skills/knowledge.
2. Ricky White spoke to the team as a part of PD for the project - with 34 participants. Participants were impressed and had many questions regarding the topic of "Teaching Culturally."
3. Nation convening coming up - the first Friday in December (Dec. 4th).
4. The team has pretty much wrapped up the curriculum, outcomes and competencies.

Communications/PR/Media Outreach - Brandon Thoms

1. He sent out an email asking board members without bios for their information.
2. Website plug-ins/updates - new themes, looks to the website. They are working on this now.



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3. Archiving WIEA newsletters, meeting minutes

Special Education - Eva Kubinski

1. COVID-19 and Special Education - document updated; includes questions related to instructional time and placement in a virtual situation.
2. New Bulletin - legal requirements for accessible educational materials. Example: some students cannot access reading materials by looking at it. Will help with literacy activities. This is an important resource that is not always taken advantage of.
3. Looking for a school counseling educational consultant; looking to increase diversity. Anyone willing to move to Madison to take on this position is encouraged to apply.
4. CARES funds: Funds from the federal govt to support activities during COVID-19 shut down. Use the funds to focus on assistive technology, with training.
5. Students with intellectual disabilities to have a college experience - get a chance to do what their peers are doing. UW-Whitewater is accepting applications for 2021-2022 school year. If you know a student who is going to be graduating and has an intellectual disability, please encourage them to apply.

MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT THIS TIME, DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. APOLOGIES TO ALL!

WIEA Bylaws - Committee Structure

Old Business

New Business

Regional Reports

Region	Regional Reports
Northwest	
Southeast	
Central	
Northeast	
West	
South	
East	

Upcoming WIEA activities:

Regular board mtg: Friday, January 15, 2021

Adjourn

The mission of WIEA is to promote educational opportunities for Indian people in Wisconsin through a unified effort of Indian and non-Indian members interested in the social and economic advancement of Indian people.